

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1           1. Apparatus for selectively receiving a radio frequency (RF) signal,  
2 comprising:  
3           an array of antenna elements for receiving the RF signal;  
4           a navigational controller for determining a pointing vector from  
5 coordinate information; and  
6           beam-forming electronics connected to the array of antenna elements and  
7 the navigational controller for forming reception lobes.
- 2           2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elements of the array comprise  
3 dual-frequency patch elements.
- 2           3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the beam-forming electronics form the  
3 reception lobes by adjusting the phase of the elements of the array.
- 1           4. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an antenna output from the  
2 beam-forming electronics.
- 1           5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elements of the array are arranged  
2 in a symmetric configuration.
- 1           6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the elements of the array are arranged  
2 in a radially symmetric configuration.
- 1           7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the RF signals comprise signals from  
2 at least one global positioning system (GPS) satellite and the pointing vector  
3 comprises a satellite pointing vector.

1           8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the reception lobes have a width of 25  
2 degrees or less.

1           9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said beam-forming electronics  
2 comprises:  
3           at least one phase shifter connected to the array of antenna elements for  
4 shifting the phase of the received RF signal; and  
5           a beam-forming algorithm processor connected to the at least one phase  
6 shifter and the navigational controller for calculating an amount by which the at  
7 least one phase shifter shifts the received RF signals in response to the pointing  
8 vector.

1           10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the at least one phase shifter  
2 comprises an array of phase shifters.

1           11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said beam-forming electronics  
2 comprises a means for summing outputs of each phase shifter of the array of phase  
3 shifters.

1           12. The apparatus claim 11, further comprising an antenna output from  
2 said means for summing outputs of each phase shifter, of the beam-forming  
3 electronics.

1           13. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the output of the phase shifters  
2 constructively amplifies selectively received RF signals by an amplification factor  
3 by aligning selective reception lobes of each element of the array of antenna  
4 elements, while interference signals from undesired sources are combined by the

1 phase shifters in a random manner, such that the interference signals experience  
2 essentially no amplification.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the constructive amplification  
2 amplifies desired, selectively received RF signals by at least 12 dB.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the interference signals have a  
2 strength of -30 dB.

1 16. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the navigational controller  
2 comprises:

3 a receiver for receiving RF signal transmissions conveying absolute  
4 position information of the apparatus;

5 an inertial measurement unit (IMU) for measuring changes in relative  
6 position of the apparatus; and

7 a navigation processor connected to the receiver, the IMU, and the  
8 beam-forming algorithm processor for receiving absolute and relative position  
9 information from the receiver and the IMU, and calculating the pointing vector  
10 from the absolute and relative position information, and transmitting the pointing  
11 vector to the beam-forming algorithm processor.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the receiver comprises a GPS  
2 receiver.

1 18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the GPS receiver contains  
2 satellite almanac information comprising location information of satellites.

1                    19.    The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the IMU comprises a vibrational  
2                    sensor.

1                    20.    The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the IMU comprises a gyroscopic  
2                    sensor.

1                    21.    The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the gyroscopic sensor comprises  
2                    a laser gyroscopic sensor.

                    22.    The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the IMU comprises an  
                    accelerometer.

                    23.    The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the IMU is a micro-machined  
                    device.

                    24.    The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the relative position information  
                    comprises a change in velocity.

1                    25.    The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the relative position information  
2                    comprises a change in angle.

1                    26.    The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the navigation processor is  
2                    connected to a host.

1                    27.    The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the connection with the host  
2                    provides input and output (I/O) communications between the navigation processor  
3                    and the host.



1           36. The method of claim 31, further comprising the steps of:  
2                 shifting the phase of signals from antenna elements in the array to obtain  
3           phase-shifted signals; and  
4                 summing the phase-shifted signals obtained in the step of shifting in a  
5           manner such that desired RF signals in the direction of the pointing vector are  
6           constructively summed, providing an effective amplification of the desired RF  
7           signals, while interference RF signals not in the direction of the pointing vector  
8           are not effectively amplified due to random shifting of the interference RF signals.

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